

A ROMANCE OF SLAVERY.

The Husband and Wife Torn Apart Forty Years Ago Happily United.

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That there are romances as touching in negro life as were ever told is proven by the story of a colored couple named Uncle Levi and Aunt Aggie, who live in Cedartown Valley. In 1840 Levi belonged to Mr. Sparks, who then resided in Morgan county. In the same county lived Dr. E. E. Jones. Among Dr. Jones' slaves was a fine looking mulatto girl, whose smiles was courted by every young male slave in the community. She was named Aggie. Levi and Aggie met often at corn-shucking frolics. They were partners in the dance and play, and every Saturday night he would obtain a pass to visit her. Thus Levi wooed and Aggie was won. They married in 1843.

"And I was so happy when I went every Saturday night to see my young wife," said Uncle Levi. They had only been married a year when Mr. Sparks moved from Morgan to Polk county, carrying the broken hearted husband with him. After five or six years separation, believing they would never again see each other, Levi married one of his master's women.

"But, Boss, I never loved her like Aggie," was the old man's explanation.

Aggie too, married, and both raised a large family; but their thoughts often drifted to the past. Neither knew whether the other was living. At last came the down fall of the Confederacy and the freedom of slaves. Upon enquiry Uncle Levi found that his old love was still living and married. He went nobly to work for his second wife. Ten years ago Aunt Aggie's husband died and left her without providers. News reached Uncle Levi, and he sent word to his old love to come and live with him and his wife. This Aunt Aggie refused to do. Years flew fast, and the boy and girl who sang and danced at the corn-shucking, who loved, married and were parted grew old with an aching void in their lives as its evenings drew near. Two years ago Uncle Levi's wife died, and after a few months mourning he sent for Aunt Aggie. She went to her old love, and after a separation of forty years they were united. They return in part to days of their youth, and their love is young again. Everybody in the neighborhood has heard the sad story and they are recipients of many kindnesses. Aunt Aggie is now 60 and Uncle Levi is 70.

Sheridan at West Point.

Gen. Badeau, in the February Century.

A vacancy occurring at West Point when he was seventeen, Sheridan applied to the member of congress from his district for the appointment. The answer enclosed his warrant as cadet, and directed him to report at West Point, June 1, 1848. He brushed up his spelling and grammar, and passed his preliminary examination without trouble. When he entered the academy he knew nothing of algebra, geometry or any of the higher branches of study. But cadet Henry W. Slocum, since major-general of volunteers and member of congress from New York, was his room mate. Slocum was an industrious hard-working student, and from him Sheridan derived much assistance, especially in the solution of knotty points of algebra. The two boys were very much in earnest and after tips, when the lights were out and every cadet was expected to remain in bed, Slocum and Sheridan were in the habit of hanging a blanket over the window, and then lighting their lamp and pursuing their studies. At the first examination Slocum went up toward the head of the class, and Sheridan stood several files higher than he had expected with his disadvantage.

In 1852, in his graduating year, he had some trouble of a belligerent sort with another cadet, which resulted in his suspension. He thought at the time the punishment was unjust, but riper experience convinced him that the authorities were right and he was wrong. He was suspended for a year, after which he joined the class of 1853, and in this he was graduated.

MEN OF NOTE.

Gen. Benjamin P. Runkle was made a minister at Indianapolis the other day.

Professor Huxley says he rests himself by reading novels. Mr. Besant's in particular.

The Swiss President gets only \$3,000 a year and hardly ever gets any time to go fishing.

The favorite Nationalist candidate for Parliament for the City of Cork is Justin McCarthy, jr., son of the historian and novelist.

The death of Gen. Ratislaw Andzejewitch Tadejew is a great blow to Russia. We insert this item at the request of a dentist.

The World apologizes to Mr. Flower because one of its type-setters made it say he had a "broken face" instead of a "broker's face." Mr. Flower will now be madder than ever.

False Prophet stock has gone down materially since Baker Pasha detailed a sub committee consisting of an American, named Colonel Mason, to go out and mop up the desert with the fanatics.

Charles Nordhoff who edits the Washington news department of the New York Herald, is paid a salary of \$10,000 per annum, and has in addition a house which is provided for him by the proprietor of the Herald.

Mr. Cabie, the Creole lecturer, adds very much to the interest of his entertainments by singing little snatches of Creole songs. This is a hint to other professional lecturers. The man who embellishes his lecture with a banjo solo will make a hit.

Monsieur Daudet takes his notebook every where, being well known among his friends for this peculiarity. Once, it is related, he had a sentimental and dramatic scene with his wife, concerning which he remarked: "This seems, my dear, like a chapter that had slipped out of a novel." "It is more likely, Alphonse," was the reply, "to form a chapter that will slip into a novel."

Yves Guyot, the Paris journalist, tells how King Louis XVIII., when he returned from exile, asked Fouché if his movements had been watched by spies. Fouché admitted that the Duc de Blacas had been so employed. "And how much did you give him?" asked Louis. "Two hundred thousand livres," was the reply. "Good!" said the monarch. "I find he did not cheat me. We went halves."

Phelps's Will Run.

Washington Cor: Kansas City Times.

"I am in receipt of a letter from my friend, Governor Phelps," said Colonel J. C. Normile to-day: "and I can give you some positive information concerning his candidacy. You can say that John S. Phelps is an unconditional candidate for Governor, and that as soon as the weather moderates he will in person visit his friends in all parts of the State and give them that assurance."

"Was Colonel Armstrong mistaken, then in his recent statement on that subject?"

"No; he simply expressed himself in unfelicitous manner. He did not mean to convey any doubts as to Governor Phelps's candidacy. Phelps has nothing to tie him to his home, and hence it is quite natural that he should spend the period when we have such blistering weather here in the climate of Los Angeles, Cal. He never was in better health than when he left for the west, and the only ailment which had troubled him prior to that time was the rheumatic gout, a disease the most pronounced characteristics of which is to quicken and brighten the intellect, just bear in mind, and I say it authoritatively, that Governor Phelps is a candidate."

Secretary Lincoln is careworn, and partial absence of his usual full, bushy beard aids his appearance of thinness.

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A DESERTED CITY.

An American Town That is Doomed to Inevitable Decimation.

Chicago Herald.

It is not often that an American town is doomed to decimation, but Virginia City, Nevada, affords one instance at least. Eight years ago Virginia City and Gold Hill, adjoining each other and practically one town, had 35,000 population. It was the largest community between Denver and San Francisco. There were merchants doing business with a million capital. There were private houses that cost \$100,000 to build and furnish. There were stamp mills and mining structures that cost \$500,000 each. There were three daily newspapers and a hotel that cost \$300,000. It was a teeming, busy and money making population, and among the people were a score or more men worth from \$300,000 to \$30,000,000. Mackay and Fair both lived there. There were three banks a gas company, a water company, a splendid theatre and a costly court house.

Eight years have passed and the town is a wreck. The 35,000 people have dwindled to 5,000. The banks have retired from business. The merchants have closed up and left; the hotel is abandoned; the gas company is bankrupt, and scores of costly residences have either been taken to pieces and moved away or given away for taxes. Nothing can be sold that will cost its worth to move away. The rich men have all gone. Those who remain are the miners, their superintendents, and the saloon men and gamblers. The latter are usually the first to come to a mining town and the last to leave, the cause of this decadence, which has swallowed up millions of capital and wrecked the worldly ambition of thousands of persons, is the failure of the Comstock mines to turn out additional wealth.

McCullough and Wilks Booth.

George Alfred Townsend.

John McCullough replied to some questions I addressed him here last week as follows: "I suppose I have seen the entire band of men John Wilks Booth was drilling for the scheme to kidnap President Lincoln, yet he never introduced me to one of them, but would turn aside when we might accidentally fall upon them at his room, and say:

John, you don't want to be bored with these flats. Come along!

I think the simplicity of my devotion to the stage and my desire to rise on it saved me from his confidence. He saw no political mettle in me. His own temptation sprang, perhaps, from not loving his art enough to be satisfied with it.

Actors in all times have been very close to the spirits who make conspiracies. Shakespeare could have been in the gunpowder plot as he was only forty years old when it was discovered in the circle that frequented his theater.

Booth once took me much against my will, on horseback, to show me, he said, a good way to get out of town. I found him once in boots, spurs and gauntlets with a knife, pistol and a man of Maryland before him and he sprang upon me like a watchdog. Another time he borrowed \$100 of me to come to New York and get some rebel friend out of prison; he was poor and so was I, and I had to take to get the money and he to pay it back. I found his wardrobe in Canada and sent it to his mother; he had shipped it to Nassau and the vessel had been wrecked. I think he had little money though he did make some in speculation. His mind was very intense; he was always a southern man. When his name came out as the assassin, the scales fell from my eyes. I interpreted what I had seen.

It is said that Mr. Matthew Arnold, while in Boston, took elocution lessons under Prof. Churchill of Andover.

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48, Business House and lot, in Adrian, house 18x40 feet, lot 25x140 feet, good location will be sold at a bargain. This property will only be offered at the present price until April 1st, 1883.

33, House and lot in north east part of town, good house of 4 rooms, also excellent well of water.

32, good farm of 150 acres within one mile of Butler, good buildings and fences, also good feed lots, and a quarry of superior sand stone.

28, House and lot in east part of town on Dakota street. House contains 2 good rooms, good well on lot, will be sold at a bargain.

14, Large frame house and good lot on North Main street, good stable plenty of fruit and good water. Will be sold on terms to suit purchaser.

45, 130 acres 2 1/2 miles northeast of Butler, 100 acres under fence, 80 to 100 acres farming land, balance timber. Never failing water, good timber, range for stock, comfortable house. Will be sold at 25 per cent less than actual value.

40, 30 acres of land mostly timber 1/2 mile of Butler, excellent stone quarry, riding the best of stone for buildings and side walks.

29, House and lot in the northwest part of town, corner lot, good house with five rooms, good stable, new picket fence and new sidewalk.

40, A fine residence with about 5 acres of land adjoining the corporate limits of Butler. Excellent fruit of all kinds, plenty of water, good outbuildings. This is one of the most desirable country residences in Bates county. Improvements all in good repair.

46, 120 acres, in Deepwater township, known as the J. H. Fletcher farm, excellent quality of land, about 50 acres in cultivation balance pasture, plenty of stock water house with 3 good sized rooms, new barn 20 by 36 ft and other out buildings, good orchard. Price \$25 per acre.

69, 170 acres in Summit township, containing 2 houses one of them 5 rooms, two wells of water, good orchard of bearing apples and all other small fruits. Land all in cultivation and under fence. A decided bargain.

71, 132 acres in southwest corner of Mound twp., all in cultivation divided into five fields. Two good houses, one 6 and the other 5 rooms, 4 good wells and 100 bearing apple trees. Also several good out buildings.

54, 324 acres in Spruce township, 2 houses, orchards, 200 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture all under fence, plenty of water, all good land. Can be divided to make two convenient farms.

50, 80 acres two miles southwest of Butler, Good land, plenty of water. Will be sold very cheap.

61, House and lot 3 blocks from the square in Butler, good house of 7 rooms, good well and cistern, new stable and other out buildings, plenty of fruit of all kinds lot one hundred feet square. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms.

60, 120 acres, 2 miles from Adrian, 2 houses, good barn, good young orchard of all kind of fruit, a No. 1 well of water good soil and good locality.

58, House and Lot, 1 Butler new house 1 1/2 stor., four rooms and good kitchen, good barn and buggy house, excellent well of water 25 feet deep, plenty of fruit

67, 130 acres of first rate land in Spruce township. Well hedged good buildings, plenty of water, 150 bearing apple trees plenty of other fruit, 80 acres in cultivation 40 acres in pasture 10 acres good coal land. This is one of the best improved and most desirable farms in the county.

73, 160 acres, divided by a hedge in the center, 50 acres in pasture, a splendid set of blue grass with plenty of water and shade. Dwelling house on each 80, new barn, good apple and peach orchard and other small fruits, 10 acres orchard grass and 8 acres timothy, also 27 1/2 acres good timber. This place is a bargain.

73, 40 acres good dwelling house of five rooms stable, orchard, plenty of stock water land of excellent quality. In fact one of the best small farms in the county Will be sold cheap.

Humphrey's Addition.

We have now thirty-three lots in Humphrey's addition to the city of Butler for sale. This addition is situated directly south of the business part of the city, lots range in size from 141 x 75 feet up to 178 x 150 feet, valued at from \$500 to \$225, according to size and location. This property will in a short time be very valuable. Come now while you can have choice.